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Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2004 2:44 PM
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Subject: NAB Petition 04-160

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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Ms. Abernathy,

As a subscriber and supporter of satellite radio, I respectfully urge the FCC to reject the National Association of Broadcasters' petition 04-160. Satellite radio, including its traffic and weather channels, provides variety and quality of programming that is unavailable to me otherwise. I happily pay for the service and do not want the NAB to have the right to decide what I am permitted to hear.

Again, I urge you to reject NAB's petition 04-160. Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,
Ashley Villanueva
Richmond, Virginia

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To: Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Jonathan Adelstein
Subject: FCC Petition 04-160

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I am writing to ask that you reject the NAB petition 04-160. Satellite radio is a great service for commuters stuck in long lines of traffic and for those who are not serviced by traditional local broadcast outlets. In today's world of big media companies making the programming decisions in multiple local markets -- the needs of many listeners are simply not being met. The number of formats has been reduced and, even where available, have been watered down. It seems hypocritical that these corporate programmers, making decisions for local stations from distant corporate headquarters, are asking that satellite services not program local content.

XM meets the needs of local listeners with great programming and a great variety of formats. One new format that is of particular service is the new traffic reporting content for major metropolitan areas. In just a few seconds I can hear the weather and traffic without having to wait for a commercial station to get around to informing me. It also seems that commercial stations are reporting some traffic situations much longer than necessary to hype the traffic report and sponsor. Long after some traffic problems have been cleaned up they are still reporting some as a current problem. So I have grown not to trust local traffic reports.

I still listen to local stations. In particular I listen to local talk radio, segments such as Paul Harvey, syndicated national shows, and I enjoy some locally produced financial programs. But XM has become an important part of my daily commute -- and the new traffic info is a vital part of that.

Regards,

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Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), is using its lobbyists, campaign contributions and political influence to have Congress and the Federal Communications Commission limit XM's ability to provide listeners with "locally oriented" content, including the new XM Instant Traffic & Weather channels.

The broadcasters feel threatened by the success of satellite radio. Instead of competing and improving their services, they want the government to protect their businesses by attacking satellite radio. This same group has tried to block every innovative technology that has been warmly welcomed into America's homes and cars. In the 1940's, radio broadcasters tried to squash television. In the 1970's, AM broadcasters tried to put the kibosh on FM stations. They never win and they never learn.

XM has played by the rules since day one. This is a question of consumer choice and the freedoms protected by the First Amendment.

I benefit from listening to XM Satellite Radio and its traffic and weather channels. Satellite radio provides variety and quality that are not available elsewhere. I pay for these services and it should not be up to the National Association of Broadcasters to dictate what I am permitted to hear. I urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to support XM's ability to provide the kind of programming that I demand and deserve.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring these remarks to your attention.

Mindful of the enormous responsibilities which stand before you, I am,

Yours sincerely,
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